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CLARK COUNTY FISCAL COURT

Pay raises not included in draft budget

By Katie Perkowski
The Winchester Sun

The latest draft of Clark County's 2013 fiscal year budget projects a surplus of \$401,000.

The draft came from a nearly three-hour budget workshop Wednesday night, during which members of the Clark County Fis-

cal Court decided not to award any Clark County Community Foundation grants this summer. Instead, the foundation's approximately \$80,000 will be carried over into the 2013 budget to help replenish the reserves.

Clark County Judge-Executive Henry Branham will present the draft budget to the fiscal court

next week.

Commissioner Rick Smith was not in favor of keeping the Community Foundation money, because he said a lot of groups in the community count on the funding.

"We've got \$80,000 in the Community Foundation fund, and I'm going to ask you all this — if you choose not to give the employees a

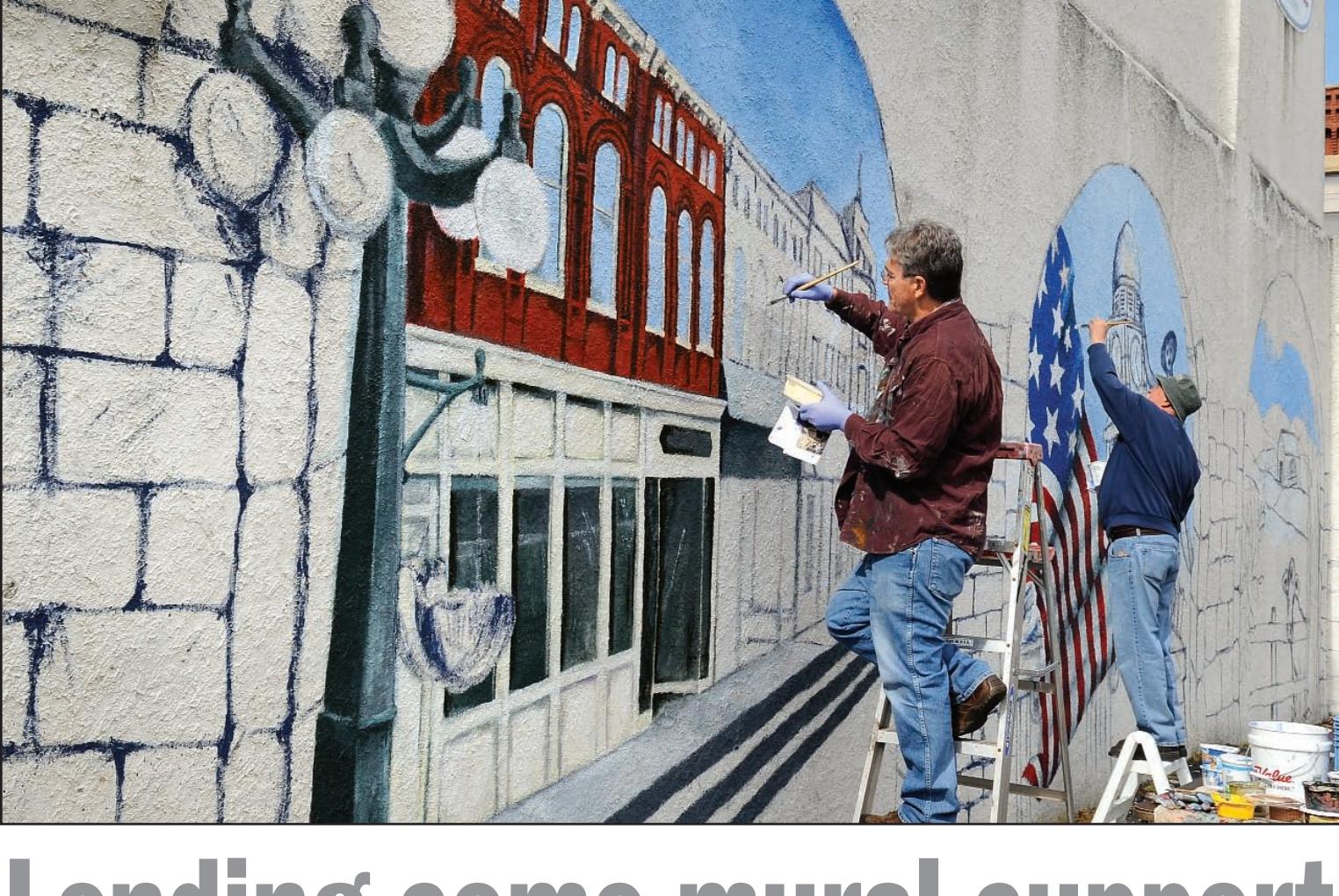
raise this year, then I would ask that you also choose not to give out that \$80,000," said Branham, as members of the crowd, many of them county employees with some of the lowest wages in county government, clapped. "Let it stand to replenish our surplus. Let it stand for the next court to do something with. ... We don't have to spend

that money, we don't have to give it away every year."

The draft budget projects total receipts of \$15.98 million, and budget expenses of \$15.58 million.

The general fund is projected to have a \$1.43 million surplus at the end of next year, with receipts at \$12.83 million and expenses at

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DISTRICT COURT

Very heavy metal theft cases go to grand jury

Judge advises police to provide more detail on value, weight of haul

By Fred Petke

The Winchester Sun

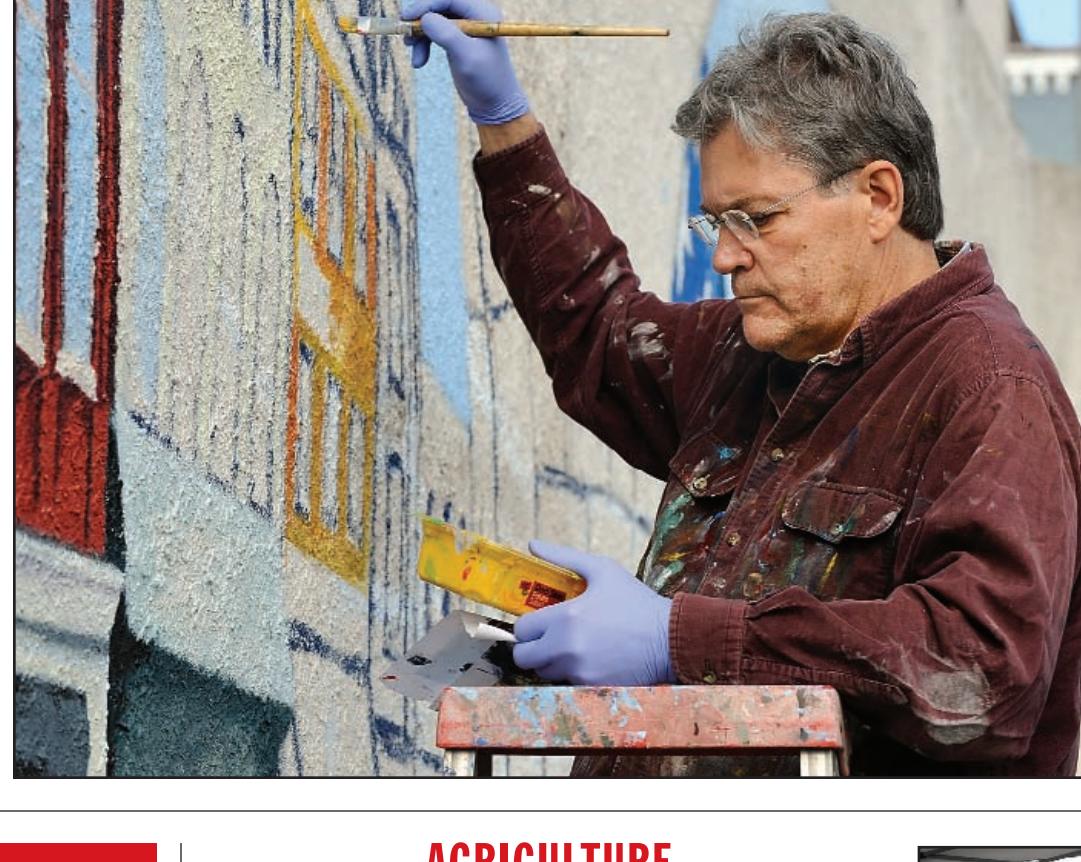
Cases against three people charged with taking or having hundreds of pounds of stolen metal from the railroad are going before the grand jury, even though police don't know exactly how much metal is involved or what it's worth.

Winchester Police stopped an overloaded Jeep Grand Cherokee on March 26 and charged the three occupants, 20-year-old Michael R. Anderson of 224 Jackson St., 24-year-old Amy L. Barker of 146 Linden Ave. and 30-year-old Larry R. Rinesmith of 306 Springmist Lane, with felony receiving stolen property less than \$10,000. Anderson, the driver, also was charged with not having an operator's license and careless driving.

At the time of the arrest, police estimated there was at least 1,000 pounds of metal in the vehicle. During a preliminary hearing for Rinesmith Wednesday afternoon, Winchester Police Officer Shane Southwood said more recent estimates placed the

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Lending some mural support



Long time Winchester artist Phil May, foreground, paints a mural on the side of the Bridges and Lane building on North Main Street. May, who was commissioned to paint the 60-foot by 15-foot mural, brought along his brother, Larry May, to help on the project. The mural depicts four different scenes: Daniel Boone looking out over the Kentucky River; the high side of historic Main Street; the Clark County Courthouse, the WWI Doughboy Statue and American flag; and a rural Clark County scene. At right, Phil May studies the detail of a photo of Main Street. The mural is to be completed before the annual Beer Cheese Festival, which opens June 8.

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Couple pleads guilty to assault

By Fred Petke

The Winchester Sun

The couple charged with beating a man and breaking his jaw pleaded guilty Wednesday to misdemeanor assault charges.

Jeremy Holland, 39, and his 32-year-old wife Amy, were both arrested Feb. 11 for felony second-degree assault after the incident at 41 Buckner St. After the grand jury indicted them for misdemeanor fourth-degree assault

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OBITUARIES

Earl C. Frye, 88, Winchester

Douglas Everman, 46, Winchester

Oliver Barnett, 81, Winchester

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AGRICULTURE

Farmers market opening Saturday in new location

By Bob Flynn
The Winchester Sun

The Winchester-Clark County Farmers Market opens its season at 8 a.m. Saturday at a new location in the parking lot of the Bluegrass Heritage Museum on South Main

Street.

The market is moving back downtown after being on Bypass Road the last two years, something market secretary-treasurer Jenny Bailey said the group thinks will make for a more pleasant experience

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In this 2011 photo, Molly Stotz, left, shows Herman Cubison the organic vegetables she has for sale at the farmers market.

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Police/fire

CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF

Report

— At 7:30 a.m. Wednesday, deputies were called to Clark Regional Medical Center concerning a stabbing victim. The man, Billy Kennard of Irvine, said he was stabbed in Fayette County at a market on U.S. 60. Kennard said he did not want to press charges and would not cooperate with law enforcement. Deputies contacted Lexington Police, but dispatchers said they would not send an officer if

the victim was not cooperative.

WINCHESTER POLICE

Charged

— Mitchell Banks, 38, no address given, was charged today with disregarding a stop sign, no operator's license and driving under the influence.

— Adam W. Harrison, 29, of 21 Beckner St., was charged with possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of marijuana (two

counts).

Report

— At 2:16 p.m. Wednesday, officers were called to 401 E. Washington St. concerning a theft.

WINCHESTER FIRE-EMS

— On Wednesday, emergency personnel conducted five local transfers and two out-of-town transfers. They also responded to one general medical call, one cardiac case and one respiratory case.

State briefs

Beshear approves road construction plan after vetoing portions

FRANKFORT (AP) — Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear signed off on a \$4.5 billion road construction plan Wednesday after using his line-item veto power to remove nearly \$50 million in projects slated for a largely rural district represented by his chief Republican rival, Senate President David Williams.

The action triggered sharp exchanges between the two men who faced each other last year in a gubernatorial election, but it also paved the way for a special legislative session to conclude this week.

"Our review of the road plan legislation over the last few days revealed that Sen. Williams took extraordinary steps to enrich his district at the expense of other priority projects in the state," Beshear said in a statement.

Williams told reporters that isn't true.

"I think he's allowed his personal anger and vitriolic comments to go beyond the bounds of normal reason in this thing," Williams said of Beshear.

Williams said Beshear's action on the road plan cleared the way for lawmakers to pass a transportation budget this week and wrap up a special legislative session that is costing taxpayers more than \$60,000 a day. Williams said he believes the special session is now on pace to conclude Friday.

Residents, activists prod EPA for coal ash rules

LOUISVILLE (AP) — Environmental activists and residents who live near coal ash stockpiles say they're frustrated the federal government hasn't ruled yet on whether the waste product should be deemed hazardous.

Two years ago, the Environmental Protection Agency proposed a new regulation for the ash derived from burning coal at electric utilities. The proposal would classify it as hazardous and place restrictions on its disposal. The EPA also has said metals in coal ash can contaminate groundwater.

But two years and several public hearings later, no ruling on the regulation has been issued.

Environmental groups attempting to compel an EPA ruling sued the agency this month.

Louisville resident Kathy Little, who lives near an ash heap, is among those who says she is frustrated that the EPA hasn't yet ruled on the substance.

Prescription drug bill passes House in 3 days

FRANKFORT (AP) — Investigators would be able to easily identify and charge unscrupulous doctors who over-prescribe painkillers and anti-anxiety drugs under legislation passed by the House on Wednesday.

The measure was a top priority for Gov. Steve Beshear

that he included in a call for a special session that began on Monday.

Within three days of convening, the Democratic-controlled House passed the measure 70-28. It now goes to the Republican-led Senate, where it is expected to undergo significant revisions.

State Rep. John Tilley, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, said prescription drug abuse has reached epidemic proportions in Kentucky, where more people are dying from overdoses than from car wrecks — nearly 1,000 per year.

"We know that we will lose three people today, and, every day that we won't act, we'll lose three more people to prescription overdose deaths," Tilley told fellow lawmakers Wednesday.

The measure would require all physicians to tap into the state's prescription monitoring system to determine if patients seeking painkillers or anti-anxiety drugs have recently gotten similar medications from other doctors.

Kentucky unemployment rate continues decline

FRANKFORT (AP) — For the ninth consecutive month, Kentucky's unemployment rate has declined.

The state Office of Unemployment and Training reported Wednesday that the jobless rate for the state fell to 8.6 percent in March, from 8.7 percent in February. The rate was 1.1 percentage points below the March 2011 rate.

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— Flanagan Station Road
— Ford Road
— Ford-Hampton Road
— Goldwing Road
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— Old Boonesboro Road
— Providence Lane
— Quisenberry Lane
— Reservoir Lane
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Lunch corner

Here's what local schools are serving Friday, April 20

Elementary schools

Breakfast

Choice of breakfast pizza, cereal and toast, yogurt and toast, juice, fruit and milk.

Lunch

Choice of chicken nuggets, shrimp poppers, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, chef salad, french fries, cole slaw, hush puppies, fruit and milk.

Middle schools

Breakfast

Choice of breakfast pizza, cereal and toast, yogurt and toast, juice, fruit and milk.

Lunch

Choice of chicken nuggets, fish nuggets, sack lunch, soup and sandwich, stuffed tomato, macaroni and cheese, glazed sliced carrots, rolls, fruit and milk.

High school

Breakfast

Choice of biscuit and gravy, sausage biscuit, peanut butter and jelly, breakfast pastry or muffin, cereal and toast, juice or fruit.

Lunch

Country Kitchen: popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, biscuit.

Salad and More: Salad choice, soup and sensational sandwich, turkey and Swiss on pretzel bun.

Pizza line: pizza choice.

Hot Zone: mini cheeseburgers, fish sandwich, healthy chips, vegetable of the day.

Chicken and More: popcorn chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuit.

DRAFT

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\$11.40 million.

The jail fund is expected to have a \$1.03 million deficit. The county would have to make up that deficit from its general fund, and that amount is included in the general fund's projected numbers.

The road fund, the Local Government Economic Assistance fund and the special reserve fund should be balanced.

The courtroom was unusually packed, as numerous county employees from the Clark County Fire Department, the Clark County Road Department and the Clark County Detention Center, who have some of the lowest wages in the government, asked commissioners to consider including pay raises in next year's budget. Employees said it was time to "trim the fat" and get back to funding the basic necessities.

"I think a lot of the county employees tend to look at basic services, (and) that doesn't include that pool, that doesn't include parks and rec. They look at the budget and say, 'OK Community Foundation, or pool, or parks and rec — these things are more important

and more basic than employers meeting the needs of the employees with the cost of living going up just in this one year,'" said Finance Officer Ranee Bruce. "And I think that's the question. Why are those services, which aren't basic services, more important than the county raises?"

County commissioners said they do not have the money at this time to include pay raises. Branham said, however, if the commissioners are allowed to add pay raises to the budget after it is approved, and if first quarter revenue numbers are good in November, they will add them in.

Currently, the budget includes about \$16,000 in one-time pay raises, which are typically distributed around Christmas. Full-time employees would receive \$150, and part-time employees would receive \$100, Branham said.

Over the last few months, commissioners JoEllen Reed and Vanessa Rogers have been working with department heads to revamp employee evaluations. Reed said it is an effort that those involved hope will bring up salaries for workers at the bottom end of the pay scale.

"And that's what's going to be our priority over the next few months ... I don't know

how some of you survive. I've been told ... that there are even some people of the Road Department who are on food stamps. And that is fine to do that, but it's a shame that you have to do that.

"And to me, shame on the county that you're in that position."

Another point commissioners discussed was increasing funding to the Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation Department from \$194,000 to \$254,000. Commissioners decided to postpone that increase until they see how revenue numbers are in November.

Director of Finance Cheryl Wills suggested that the county increase the amount it collects on insurance premium taxes from 4 percent to 8 percent to increase county revenues, but commissioners did not take action. Branham said it is an issue that the court will have to revisit in the future.

Branham will present this budget draft to the Fiscal Court at its meeting Wednesday. The court will vote on a first reading in May and then vote on a second reading before July 1, as mandated by law.

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METAL

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total at 2,000 to 3,000 pounds.

The problem for Rinesmith's attorney was that police did not have a monetary value for the metal. Southwood said he had worked many other metal theft cases with less metal involved that was worth more than \$500, which is the threshold for whether the charge is a felony or misdemeanor. The replacement cost of some of the metal plates recovered would be about \$400, he said, but he did not know a value for the rest.

"I don't know what it sells for, but there's a lot of it," Southwood said.

Rinesmith's attorney wasn't satisfied.

"(Rinesmith) should not be incarcerated ... based on the guess of an officer," defense attorney Stanley Goeing said.

Clark District Judge Brandy Oliver Brown said there was enough evidence to establish probable cause and sent the case to the grand jury, but said more concrete evidence would be needed in higher courts.

"It is not the optimal way to value property for a hearing," she said.

After Rinesmith's hearing, Barker and Anderson waived their cases directly to the grand jury.

Southwood spotted the Jeep driving on Rolling Hills Lane the morning of March 26 with Anderson barely keeping it under control. In the arrest citation, Southwood wrote that the vehicle's rear end was dragging on the road and was bouncing uncontrollably. When the vehicle made a turn, its front wheels left the road, he wrote. When he stopped the vehicle on Bypass Road, Barker and Rinesmith admitted to taking the metal from CSX Transportation and said they had a letter granting permission to be on CSX property and to take the metal. Southwood said he spoke with CSX police who said there was no such letter.

Anderson told police he was just asked to drive the vehicle to the scrapyard. In court Wednesday, Southwood said Barker told him that Anderson was driving because he was the only one with a license, and Anderson was not involved in taking the metal. Anderson, though, did not have a license, Southwood said.

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ASSAULT

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last week, the case returned to Clark District Court where they pleaded guilty Wednesday afternoon.

The couple were staying with Frank Rayburn and his father, Rayburn said during a preliminary hearing in district court. Rayburn said the group had been drinking. He said Amy Holland hit him first and knocked him off balance, and he was hit a second time by Jeremy Holland. The last thing he remembered, before waking up in the hospital, was seeing the floor, he said.

When Rayburn spoke with Winchester Police Officer Shane Southwood at the hos-

pital that night, he said Jeremy Holland started hitting him for no reason. Amy Holland joined in the assault for a while, before Jeremy Holland resumed, Rayburn said, and he blacked out during the assault.

The Hollands told police the incident was self-defense.

The Hollands both pleaded guilty to fourth-degree assault and were sentenced to 90 days. Amy Holland received credit for 70 days already served and the balance was conditionally discharged. Jeremy Holland was credited with 66 days served and the difference was also conditionally discharged.

Contact Fred Petke at fpetke@winchestersun.com.

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When work is a family matter

CHICAGO — Last week, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security sent out an unusually cheerful press release: "Border Patrol Academy Graduates 1000th Class."

Forty-five newbies got through the Border Patrol Academy at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center in Artesia, N.M., one of the most rigorous federal law enforcement academies in the nation. It has graduated nearly 41,000 students — after months of coursework in marksmanship and horsemanship, studying immigration, customs and drug laws, plus firearm and physical training — since offering its first session in 1934 in El Paso, Texas.

At the ceremony, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said, "Today, we have the largest, best trained and best equipped Border Patrol we've had at any time in our nation's history, and I'm proud of all the brave men and women who dedicate themselves to this important work."

More than a third of those brave men and women employed by the agency are Hispanic. And imagine the minefield a Hispanic employee of DHS has to walk through when attending family get-togethers where someone might give you the evil eye — or a full-on tongue-lashing — for working for "la migra."

Over the years, I've interviewed Hispanic Border Patrol and Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, immigration detention facility officers and related agency spokespersons. They've all smiled — broadly, ruefully — when asked "What's it like being Hispanic in your line of work? What does your family say? How do you respond to the inevitable 'how could you'?"

Answers range from "we don't talk about it" to "they're OK with it — mostly," and "I don't care about those who call me a sellout or a traitor." Usually they have at least one horror story about a relative who refuses to be in the same room with them at holiday parties — sometimes their relatives are immigrant activists.

Many describe how they change the subject when someone tries bringing up contentious immigration-related subjects. Most say it's "usually not a problem."

A few months ago, I had the opportunity to ask a graduate of FLETC about how he deals with the emotionally thorny issue with family and friends. He told me that sometimes people bug their eyes out when they learn that anyone of Hispanic descent could work at an agency that has become synonymous with deporting Latin American immigrants, but that DHS is a great place to build a career.

The agency certainly provides lots of opportunities. According to DHS' Equal Employment Opportunity Program Status Report for fiscal year 2010, Hispanics were the largest minority group of employees, representing 19 percent of the workforce — compared to Hispanics' 15 percent share of the civilian labor force. In U.S. Customs and Border Protection, Hispanics represent 35.8 percent of the total workforce.

For all the flack that DHS gets from immigrant and Hispanic advocacy groups, it is undeniable that the department provides good-paying professional jobs for Hispanics. All controversy aside, many of them get hired on without a high school diploma or college degree — Border Patrol, for instance, is one of the few large law enforcement agencies that don't require them. That's quite a bridge to the American dream.

So congratulations to the 1,000th graduating class of the Border Patrol Academy. May your work be fulfilling, your careers exemplary — and may your family leave politics out of the potlucks and the fiestas.

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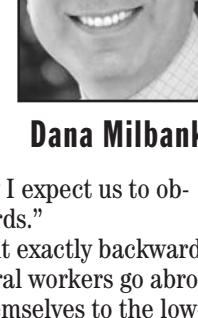


Debauchery: An American specialty

WASHINGTON — Before we get to the dancing penises at the National Institutes of Health, let's begin our discussion with the Secret Service agents' dalliance with prostitutes in Cartagena, Colombia.

"We're representing the people of the United States," President Obama said Sunday when asked about the agents and military personnel who, after a night of heavy drinking, reportedly procured prostitutes at a strip club called the Pley Club. "And when we travel to another country I expect us to observe the highest standards."

But the president has it exactly backward. It is precisely when federal workers go abroad that they should hold themselves to the lowest standards. We are, after all, the land of Paris Hilton, Lindsay Lohan and Snooki. Debauchery is an American specialty. The president should be promoting the export of our culture.



Dana Milbank

I realize that some party poopers will not share my delight at the Secret Service becoming a double entendre. But at the very least, this scandal, like the General Services Administration's spending spree in Las Vegas, should serve to refute claims that the federal workforce is out of touch with everyday Americans. As it turns out, some federal workers reflect our culture all too well.

Maybe we should stop blaming the feds for being like the rest of us — it's hardly surprising that bad actors and buffoons find their way into the public sector as well as the private — and think of other lessons to draw from the scandal, such as possible recruitment tools: Work for the government and get a complimentary upgrade to a hot-tub suite? Join the Secret Service and be a playuh at the Pley Club? Surely the GSA, a sleepy backwater of the government responsible for property, would raise its profile if it changed its name to the Garish Soiree Administration or the Grandiose Shindig Agency.

At some level, Americans embrace the notion that their officials act like them. Also in Colombia, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and a dozen female aides went after midnight to a nightclub, where cameras caught the na-

tion's top diplomat sipping a beer — from the bottle! — and dancing. The wet blankets at Britain's Telegraph newspaper asked whether Clinton is "becoming an embarrassment."

Americans clearly don't think so. Photos of the episode have gone viral, the reviews in the U.S. press have been good, and the night-club story has added to buzz about Clinton's 2016 prospects.

The reviews were less favorable of the GSA's boozy outing in Vegas, where federal workers treated themselves to a clown show, a mind reader, souvenir medallions and \$19-a-head "artisanal cheese." Denouncing the GSA at a congressional hearing Tuesday morning, Rep. John Mica, R-Fla., stuck between "lavish" and "outlandish" to describe the excess, accused the GSA of having an "outlavish" convention.

Mica complained that Jeffrey Neely, the GSA official responsible for the soiree, didn't show up for the hearing. "I guess the only way we'll get to see him is on a video in the hot tub," the congressman grumbled.

Nobody's excusing Neely, and there's no evidence that \$75,000 bicycle-building exercises are standard at government conferences, but lawmakers might pause the outrage long enough to think about how they have contributed to the culture that made Neely.

These are grim times for federal workers, with pay freezes and the prospect of massive cutbacks at year-end. No wonder a few people would get the idea, as Neely wrote in an email: "Why not enjoy it while we have it and while we can? Ain't going to last forever."

Apparently, Neely isn't the only one who thinks this way. While I sat at one of the House hearings on the GSA this week, a woman from the Traditional Values Coalition distributed news releases with an alarming revelation:

"The \$800,000 of waste found on a Las Vegas conference pales in comparison to the funding of government porn, dancing penises, gay circuit parties, the study of 14-year-old prostitutes in China, collecting and reading the sex diaries of teenage boys. ... What National Institutes of Health is spending money on would make a Vegas showgirl blush."

It made me blush to think what sort of NIH parties involve dancing penises. I called Andrea Lafferty, the conservative group's president, to inquire. "We will be releasing it shortly," she said, with "some pictures."

Next, I called the NIH. "Sorry, but we just can't figure out what TVC is referencing with 'dancing penises,'" spokeswoman Renate Myles responded.

Could it be a coverup of the dancing penises?

Come to think of it, maybe that's not a bad thing.

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Presidential dogfight

WASHINGTON — I take a back seat to no one when it comes to loving dogs. For that matter, my dog takes a back seat to no one.

Ollie rides shotgun.

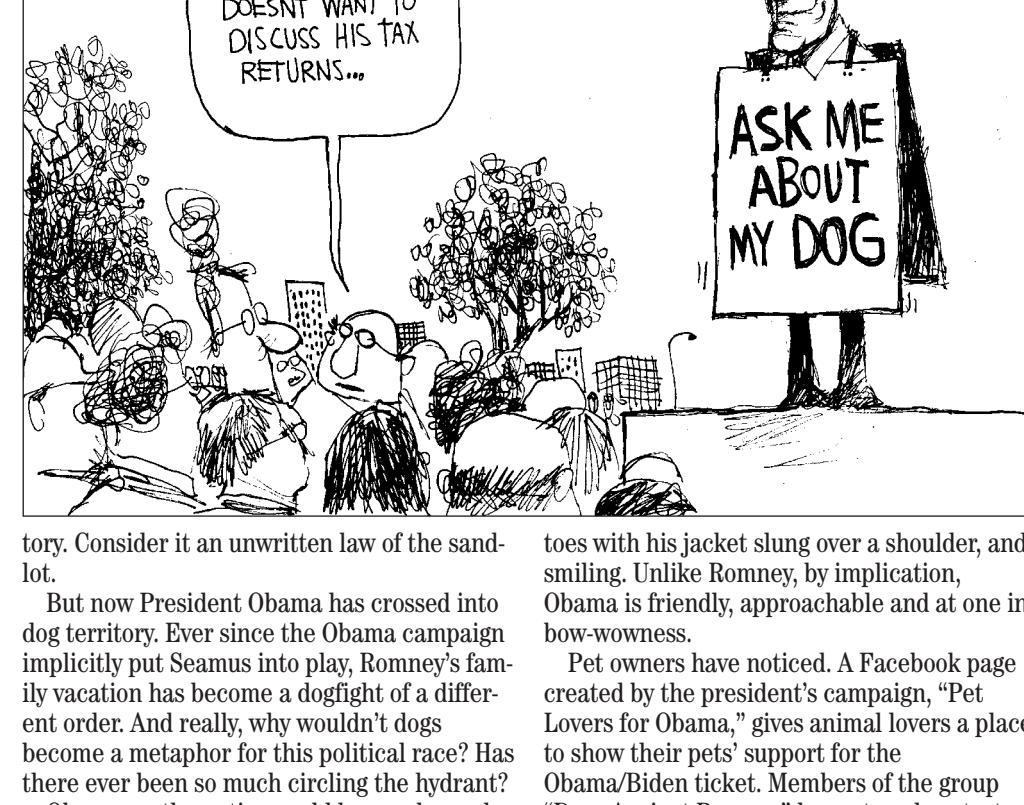
Thus, the story of Seamus, the Romneys' dog who famously rode atop the family car in a crate en route to vacation (to Ontario, Canada, 12 hours away) — and suffered acute gastrointestinal inconvenience requiring a mid-trip hose-down — has caused me considerable distress. I know Mitt and Ann Romney to be lovely people who undoubtedly adored their dog, but how does one make this event seem less awful?

By way of furthering my own credentials, Ollie is a five-pound, 10-year-old blind poodle I adopted from a shelter two and a half years ago following a dinner party where I was, as we Southerners say, "overserved." For elaboration, you'll have to wait for the book, but suffice to say, Ollie was born blind and his original humans, who bought him at a pet store, dropped him off at the shelter, reportedly, because they were tired of him.

I am his seeing-eye human — and where I go, Ollie goes. Not all is snails and puppy-dog tails, I confess. He can sometimes be obstreperous when he is "lost in space." That is, disoriented and unable to find me the instant his poodle brain registers that he is not, in fact, nestled in the crook of my elbow, a preferred spot that has resulted in a rather dogged case of "Poodle Elbow."

Yet, under no circumstances imaginable would my pooch be relegated to the top of a car, no matter how fancy the crate. Car too small? Get a bigger one — or a smaller dog. Not enough room for five boys and an Irish setter? Leave one of the kids at home. Kidding, kidding.

I've held my tongue all these months for several reasons, not least because Gail Collins of The New York Times had a Doberman's grip on the subject and wouldn't let go. Once a columnist takes ownership of a subject, as Collins did by mentioning Seamus more than 30 times at last count, other wags surrender the terri-



tory. Consider it an unwritten law of the sandlot.

But now President Obama has crossed into dog territory. Ever since the Obama campaign implicitly put Seamus into play, Romney's family vacation has become a dogfight of a different order. And really, why wouldn't dogs become a metaphor for this political race? Has there ever been so much circling the hydrant?

Obama, as the entire world knows, has a dog named Bo, whose addition to the first family was a promise kept to his daughters upon winning the presidency. Needless to say, Bo has never been crated on the roof of a car. When he travels, he doesn't even have to make sure his seat back and tray table are in the upright position. Presumably, Seamus, whose infamous vacation took place in 1983, would have enjoyed better travel accommodations as First Dog.

As timing would have it, Seamus is now a metaphor for the characteristics Romney critics find unappealing — out of touch, lacking in compassion, pragmatic to a fault. Who puts his dog on top of a car speeding down the highway? Will HUD be next?

By contrast, in a photo now in circulation, Obama is shown extending an outstretched hand to an eager Bo. The president is crouched down at dog level, balancing on his

toes with his jacket slung over a shoulder, and smiling. Unlike Romney, by implication, Obama is friendly, approachable and at one in bow-wowness.

Pet owners have noticed. A Facebook page created by the president's campaign, "Pet Lovers for Obama," gives animal lovers a place to show their pets' support for the Obama/Biden ticket. Members of the group "Dogs Against Romney" have staged protests. Stand by for more canine chicanery.

When national issues are so complex, such distilled calculations may provide political relief, but is this really the way to pick a president? In defense of their dog policy, Ann Romney recently told ABC's Diane Sawyer that Seamus liked riding in the crate because he understood that it meant he was going on vacation. Mitt Romney, who said attacks about Seamus have been the most "wounding" of the campaign, also said he wouldn't put Seamus in a crate again.

Which leaves voters with two choices: Forgive Romney, as surely Seamus did. Or, condemn a man with a knack for economic recovery for his flip-flopping just this one last doggone time.

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Community

Calendar

TODAY

— Conkwright Middle School-based Decision-making Council meeting, 4:15 p.m., in the school library.

— George Rogers Clark High School-based Decision-making Council meeting, 4:30 p.m., school library.

— Parent nominations for the 2012-2013 Clark Middle School-based Decision-making Council due today. Parent elections will be Wednesday, April 25, from 4 to 6 p.m.

— Clark County 4-H Council meeting, 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office, 1400 Fortune Drive, Winchester.

— Clark County Friends of the Library meeting, 7-8 p.m., 370 S. Burns Ave. Call Al Bonds at 737-0777 for more information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20

— Winchester Rotary Club meeting, noon, Winchester Country Club.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21

— Winchester-Clark County Farmers Market open, 8 a.m.-noon, Bluegrass Heritage Museum parking lot, South Main Street.

MONDAY, APRIL 23

— Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation swimming clinic, 6:45-8 p.m., every Monday and Wednesday through May 16, for all age groups and abilities. Call 744-9554 for more information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 24

— Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Christian Church, 15 Redwing Drive, entrance C. A program based on the 12 steps and the eight Beatitudes for any hurt, habit or hang-up with support for family members, as well as Celebration Station for kids and The Landing for teens. For more information, call Dickie at 744-0817. Meetings are every Tuesday.

— Shearer Elementary School-based Decision-making Council meeting, 4 p.m., in the school conference room.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

— Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation swimming clinic, 6:45-8 p.m., every Monday and Wednesday through May 16, for all age groups and abilities. Call 744-9554 for more information.

THURSDAY, APRIL 26

— Health care reform panel discussion, 8:30-10:30 a.m., Clark Regional Medical Center, 1 Hospital Drive, featuring CRMC CEO Kathy Love, Kentucky Voices for Health Executive Director Jodi Mitchell and insurance broker David Moughamian will be the guest speakers. Cost is \$10 for Chamber members and \$15 for non-members. Breakfast included. RSVP by April 20 to Erika at 744-6420.

— Diabetes self-management class, 5-7 p.m., 1400 Fortune Drive. Call 744-4482 to register.

FRIDAY, APRIL 27

— Friends of the Library book sale, 5-7 p.m., Clark County Public Library. Friday sale is open to Friends members only. Book donations are collected at the library.

DOWN THE LANE

Super Simon

Young grandson continues to amaze and inspire

On Wednesday this week, my grandson Simon will reach another milestone in his life. He will celebrate another birthday and will turn 5 years old. Every year that Simon lives to celebrate another birthday is a gift from God. Actually, this statement is true for all of us.

I often think of all the birthdays I have just taken for granted. I don't believe I could ever convey to my readers just what Simon means to me. Never in all my wildest dreams did I ever believe I could admire a child with a disability, such as Simon, as much as I do.

Simon is oblivious to the fact that he has gotten older. Simon has taught all of us patience. We still are thrilled to death on any new thing he does. He is now able to get into a sitting position if he topples over on the floor. This was something he was barely able to do this time last year, and this year he has mastered this procedure.

He has made himself more verbal

and his momma thinks he may have said the word "mama" during the past month. I don't doubt that he did. This is something she has waited five years to hear. He is trying to talk to us. Please pray he will someday be able to speak to us and tell us his needs.

Simon has learned to scoot over to his movies of Elmo characters and choose through his little cassettes, and as he looks through them he discards them with a flip until he finds the one he wants. That always brings a smile to our faces since we know

how big this is.

Simon keeps his mom, dad and brother always wondering what a new day will bring with him. Just last week, he had a procedure done concerning his eyes and his momma told the medical team to please don't call her name unless something was going wrong. Needless to say, when her name was called, it was frightening as she checked to see with trepidation what could have gone wrong. You see,

each time Simon is put under anesthesia, it can be dangerous. Luckily, for them and Simon, he had a hole in his retina that could be repaired that day and he was able to return home that same day. Simon has lived with uncertainty in his life and so does his family.

Therefore, Simon's life is never taken for granted by us. We treasure the time the Lord has given us with him. He has come such a long way with his Kniest dwarfism dysplasia. Why his condition happened, no one knows, other than a genetic mutation. Simon is at the mercy of those who take care of him on a daily basis and he leads a complicated life.

His parents, his nurses and his family feel like he does more for us than we do for him. Just last week one of his nurses was telling a patient at another hospital about this little boy she takes care of in Winchester when she found out the patient she was attending to that day was from Winchester. Without mentioning Simon's name, she explained that he does so much for her and how much he means to her. It just happened the lady she was

talking to knew about Simon. She finally asked her would he be my grandson, and the nurse said yes. I couldn't help but think it is true, that anyone who knows Simon can't help but love him.

I think Simon knows when he comes to Nana and Papa's house. He knows he will always have a cheesy peanut butter and cracker for a treat. Simon enjoys eating as one of his joys in life, a trait that he definitely gets from his Nana. One of the sweetest sounds in the world is hearing Simon giggle. It is so sweet to his momma's ears that it has become her ring tone on her phone.

Can he wear a person out pretty quickly? The answer is yes. He has gotten pretty heavy, and of course still has to be carried every where he goes. I still would like to ask you to remember to keep Simon and his family in your prayers. You see, I want to be able to write about him next year on his sixth birthday.

Simon Andrew Cecil, you beautiful little child, you hold a major part in my heart and are a big ray of sunshine of my life.



Sue Staton

Houseboat maker seeks success among landlubbers

CORBIN (AP) — A Corbin family plans to move into an energy-efficient prototype home built by a houseboat manufacturer.

Southern Tier Housing spokeswoman Leah Norvell told The Times-Tribune that Dennis Reynolds, his wife, Billie, and their 3-year-old son, Grabille, hope to move into the home early next month.

Houseboat maker Stardust Cruisers built two relatively low-cost modular homes in a test to see if building the

structures can help the ailing houseboat industry. One home was placed in Whitley County, the other in Monticello.

Partners including Kentucky Highlands Corporation and Kentucky Housing used resources at the University of Kentucky College of Design and its Center for Applied Energy Research to come up with a design for the home, which is about 1,000 square feet and includes two bedrooms, a bathroom, laundry room, living space and a

kitchen.

Whitley County Judge-Executive Pat White said he was proud to be part of the project that benefits the houseboat industry and low-income families.

"This is bringing cutting edge technology to citizens of Whitley County," he said. "I am proud to see this come to our area, I am proud of the jobs in the houseboat industry that have been created and I am proud of the UK students that have played a role in the design of this project."

Tom Manning-Beavin, director of housing with Kentucky Highlands Corporation, said the home was built using the same material as houseboats in an existing houseboat factory.

The project, called Houseboat to Energy Efficient Residences, has had a positive effect on the houseboat industry.

Bruce Chestnut, a managing member of Stardust Ventures LLC, said the project has helped create jobs in an industry that was almost

wiped out during the recession. He said Stardust had about 350 workers and orders for around 85 houseboats before the economy took a downturn.

"That was decimated down to one boat and one employee," Chestnut said.

The company has started to bounce back. He said it currently has about 60 employees and six orders.

"HBEER was a strong part in keeping the industry open and keeping those employees there," Chestnut said.

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April 19, 1987

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The four third grade classes and an EMH class at Shearer School participated in the Winchester Council for the Arts Artist in Residence program, with instructor Deborah Galloway working one hour a day with each class last week. The class of Mary Beth Phillips made a mural, working together in designing, coloring and cutting out figures.

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New homes market outlook improving

WASHINGTON (AP) — It's been a long time since the market for new homes has looked this good. Rising rents and a healthier job market are inspiring more people to consider buying.

Builders are responding to the demand by laying plans for more homes this year than at any other point in past 3½ years. And banks are helping both by approving more loans.

All that points to a better year for the housing market, though a full recovery could take several years.

"We're doing so much more business than we have in years," said Ed Kopal, who runs a construction company in East Texas and has seen his business more than double this year compared with

2011.

Others, too, foresee more enthusiasm among buyers after four sluggish years.

Builders requested a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 747,000 permits to build homes in March, the Commerce Department said Tuesday. The pace hasn't been that high since September 2008.

Of those requested, 462,000 permits were to build single-family homes. That is 12 percent more than six months ago. Still, the figure remains far below the 800,000 permits a year that signify a stable new-home market.

Builders are seeing more demand for apartments, too. Over the past six months, permits to build apartments have surged 68 percent, to

285,000 permits. A healthy number is closer to 400,000 a year.

Rents are rising, which has spurred construction for both kinds of homes.

In Philadelphia, rents have increased nearly 15 percent over the past year through February, while home values have dropped 5.4 percent, according to real estate website Zillow.

Minneapolis rents are up nearly 10 percent; home prices are down nearly 7 percent. Baltimore has seen rents rise 8.6 percent and home values drop 4 percent.

In Chicago, median rents in the past 12 months have risen 8.6 percent, or more than \$100 a month. In the same period, the median home price has fallen 11 percent, to just \$154,600.



AP photo

PVC pipes are seen next to new single-family homes being built by Lennar at the in Santa Clarita, Calif. U.S. builders started work on slightly fewer homes in February, but they began preparing for what could be the healthiest spring in recent years.

So while apartment developers are chasing higher rents, renters are seeing more incentive to buy homes. A survey of home-builders has shown an increasing amount of foot traffic at open houses across the country since September. The job market has strengthened since last summer.

The unemployment rate has fallen from 9.1 percent in August to 8.2 percent last month. Employers have added an average of 212,000 a month from January through March.

More jobs and a better outlook among buyers could also make 2012 the first year since 2008 that construction

adds to growth — rather than detracts.

Record-low mortgage rates have helped persuade buyers. The average rate on a 30-year fixed-rate loan is just above the 3.87 percent level reached in February — the lowest since long-term mortgages were first offered in the 1950s.

Customer service training class

Community Education and the Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation are offering a free class for businesses and their employees to enhance their customer service.

"Give em a Pickle" Customer Service Training will be Tuesday, April 24 from 8-10 p.m. and Thursday, April 26 from 6-8 p.m. at the College Park Gym, located at 15 Wheeler Ave.

The class is designed to help inspire business teams to commit to raising the level of service offered to

their customers.

Using humor and anecdotal stories from restauranteur Bob Ferrell's video and book as a guide, the class, taught by Nancy Turner, executive director of the Winchester-Clark County Tourism Commission, will illustrate how easy it is to treat each customer like "the boss" by giving them what they want.

Pre-registration is encouraged, by phone at 745-3946 or email at cora.heffner@clark.kyschools.us.

Pilot lending program opens second application period

WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Intermediary Lending Pilot Program (ILP), which provides long-term loans to eligible non-profit intermediary lenders to finance their lending to small businesses, has opened a second competitive application period. As a result, small businesses, especially those in underserved markets looking for loans up to \$200,000, will soon have access to twice as many community-based funding sources under the U.S. Small Business Administration program.

"Providing small businesses with the financial resources they need to start, grow and succeed is at the core of SBA's mission," said SBA Administrator Karen Mills. "The first round of the Intermediary Lending Pilot Program showed that we are on the right track, and now we are expanding it. These non-profit lending institutions

are helping small businesses create jobs and strengthen our economy."

Launched last year, the ILPP is designed to expand access to capital to small businesses and drive economic growth and job creation. Under the program, SBA makes loans of up to \$1 million to participating lenders, which use the funds to make smaller loans to startup, newly established and growing small businesses. The program funded 20 ILP intermediaries in 2011, and hopes to identify another 20 this year in the second round.

Applications are due by May 25, 2012. Eligible intermediaries must have at least one year of lending experience in private, non-profit community development corporations, consortiums of private, non-profit organizations or community development corporations, or agencies or nonprofit entities.

Earth Day lessons can apply to investors too

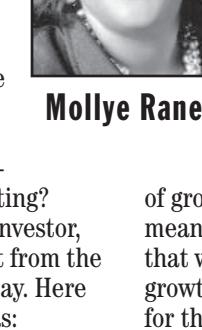
April 22 is Earth Day. Started in 1970 by Sen. Gaylord Nelson, Earth Day is designed to create awareness of the Earth's environment and to encourage conservation efforts.

If you and your family participate in Earth Day events, such as helping clean up a local park or taking materials to a recycling center, you know the benefits of doing your part to improve your surroundings. But are you doing everything you can to upgrade your environment for investing?

Actually, as an investor, you can learn a lot from the lessons of Earth Day. Here are just a few ideas:

— Diversify. If you're familiar with Earth Day, you know that it involves multiple activities, including educational programs and do-it-now action steps. This variety is necessary because protecting our environment is a complex challenge.

Meeting your short- and long-term investment goals can be challenging, too, but you'll have a better chance of success by diversifying your investment dollars across a range of vehicles, such as stocks, bonds, government securities and certificates of deposit (CDs).



Mollye Raney

Diversification can help reduce the impact of volatility on your portfolio — and high volatility can be an obstacle for some people trying to follow an investment strategy. (Keep in mind, though, that diversification, by itself, cannot guarantee a profit or protect against loss.)

— Seek growth opportunities. Some people plant trees on Earth Day, hoping to watch them grow over the years.

As an investor, you, too, need to plant "seeds" today in the hopes of growth in the future. That means, among other things, that when you purchase growth-oriented investments for the long term, you need to try to stick with them and not "uproot" them after short-term declines in price.

— Develop good habits. If you attend an Earth Day program, you will learn about many eco-friendly habits you can develop, from using energy-efficient light bulbs to recycling old computers and other electronic devices.

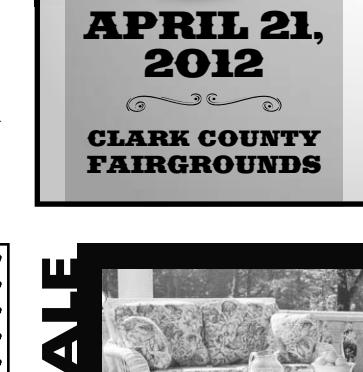
To invest successfully, it's important to develop good habits, such as staying invested in all types of markets, seeking tax-advantaged investments and reviewing your portfolio regularly to make sure it's still appropriate.

long term. When you invest, you also need to focus on the future.

That means following a long-term investment strategy and not getting sidetracked by short-term events, such as political crises and economic downturns.

Earth Day comes once a year, but its lessons can have a lasting impact on our environment. When you apply these same lessons to your own investment environment, you may be able to achieve some healthy results.

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Rock icon Dick Clark dies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Dick Clark stood as an avatar of rock 'n' roll virtually from its birth and, until his death Wednesday at age 82, as a cultural touchstone for boomers and their grandkids alike.

His identity as "the world's oldest teenager" became strained in recent years, as time and infirmity caught up with his enduring boyishness. But he owned New Year's Eve after four decades hosting his annual telecast on ABC from Times Square. And as a producer and entertainment entrepreneur, he was a media titan: his Dick Clark Productions supplied movies, game shows, beauty contests and more to TV, and, for a time in the 1980s, he boasted programs on all three networks.

Equally comfortable chatting about music with Sam Cooke or bantering with Ed McMahon on "TV's Bloopers and Practical Jokes," Clark was listed among the Forbes 400 of wealthiest Americans. Clark, who died of a heart attack Wednesday at a Santa Monica hospital, also was part of radio as partner in the United Stations Radio Network, which provided programs — including Clark's — to thousands of stations.

"There's hardly any segment of the population that doesn't see what I do," Clark told The Associated Press in a 1985 interview. "It can be embarrassing. People come up to me and say, 'I love your show,' and I have no idea which one they're talking about."

One of his later TV projects, "American Dreams," served as a fitting weekly tribute to Clark's impact. Airing from 2002 to 2005, this NBC drama centered on a Philadelphia family in the early 1960s and, in particular, on 15-year-old Meg, who, through a quirk of fate, found her way onto the set of Clark's teen dance show, "American Bandstand."

The nostalgic "American Dreams" depicted a musical revolution, which Clark so reassuringly helped usher in against the backdrop of a nation in turmoil. While never a hit, the series was embraced by older viewers as a warm souvenir of the era that spawned Clark, and as an affectionate history lesson for their children and grandchildren.

President Barack Obama noted the nostalgia. "More important than his groundbreaking achievements was the way he made us feel — as young and vibrant and optimistic as he was," Obama said in a statement.

Clark bridged the rebellious new music scene and traditional show business. He defended pop artists and artistic freedom, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame said in an online biography of the 1993 inductee. He helped give black artists their due by playing original R&B recordings instead of cover versions by white performers, and he condemned censorship.

He joined "American Bandstand" in 1956 after Bob Horn, who'd been the host since its 1952 debut, was fired. A year later, Clark integrated the show with black dancers.

"It still wasn't acceptable for them to dance with white kids, so the blacks just danced with each other. We were waiting for the explosion, but it never happened," Clark told Pennsylvania Heritage Magazine in 1998.

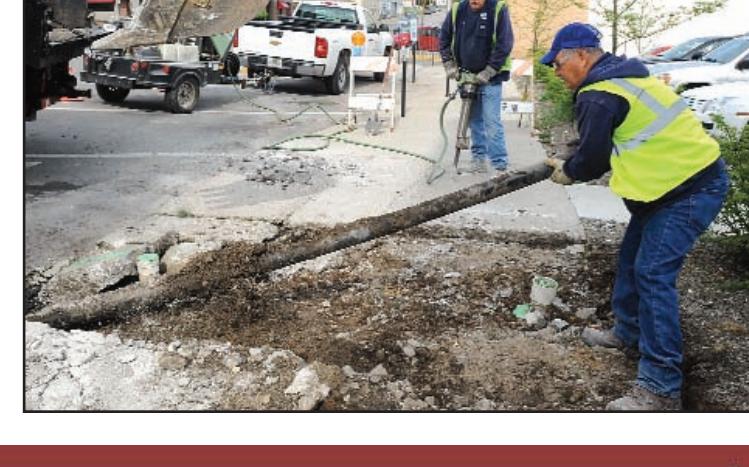


New sidewalk

Winchester Public Works employee Jerry Brinegar, left, moves a parking sign while Lee White was jackhammering a section of sidewalk on East Broadway Wednesday morning, top photo.

Waiting to load the concrete was Doug Hopper. Brinegar, right photo, removes an old drain pipe that was buried in the concrete. The sidewalk, on county property next to the county's parking lot on Broadway, will be replaced by the county.

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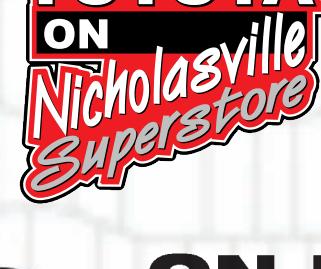
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Sports briefs

Tennis Clark blanks Bourbon County

The George Rogers Clark boys team swept Bourbon County 5-0 Wednesday afternoon.

In singles, Cameron Colvard defeated Houston Farr 8-1 and Ian Rowe came away with an 8-0 victory over Griffin Cain.

John Rupard and Christian Colvard paced the doubles teams with a 6-1 6-2 victory over Brooks McCain and Jonathan Creamer. The tandem of Troy True and Brooks Harrison defeated Alex Hernandez and Hunter Bowman 8-0, while Mark Thomas and Irvin Juarez beat Daniel Cooper and Nick Wrenn 8-1.

Soccer Elkhorn takes two from Clark Middle

Elkhorn swept Clark Middle in soccer action earlier this week.

In the girls game, the Lady Eagles lost 4-1. Tori Stamper scored the lone goal for the Lady Eagles, while Brooke Abner provided the assist.

Emily Taulbee scooped up eight saves. Clark Middle fell to 1-5-3 with the loss.

On the boys' side, Clark suffered a 5-2 setback.

Evan Carrington and Jose Villa each had a goal for Clark. Preston Bradley had a save for the Eagles, now 6-3 on the year.

UK Football Format set for Blue-White game

LEXINGTON — For the second-consecutive year, Coach Joker Phillips and the Kentucky coaching staff have decided to play a regular-game format for Saturday's Blue-White game set for 6 p.m. Saturday at Commonwealth Stadium.

The game will feature the first team (white) vs. the second team (blue). The blue team will be staked to a 14-0 lead at the beginning of the game.

Last year, the format produced perhaps the most exciting Blue/White Game ever. The Blue team actually extended the lead to 28-7 before the White squad posted a furious rally to tie the game at 28-28.

The blues won, 31-28 on a 38-yard field goal by Joe Mansour in the final minute of the game.

— Admission and parking are free on a first-come, first-served basis.

— The Red, Blue and Green parking lots open at 8 a.m. and fans are invited to tailgate.

— Stadium gates, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 11 open at 4:30 p.m.

— Seating will be available in the north, west and south lower sections of the stadium.

NBA Celtics without Rajon Rondo

BOSTON (AP) — The Celtics are playing without Rajon Rondo after he hurt his back in Boston's game against New York the previous night.

Rondo was injured when he fell hard to the floor in the third quarter of the 118-110 loss to the Knicks on Tuesday night. He finished the game and had 13 assists, extending his streak of games with at least 10 to 23. Coach Doc Rivers said Rondo probably would miss Friday night's game at Atlanta.

The Celtics also faced the Orlando Magic on Wednesday night without guard Ray Allen, who missed his sixth straight game with an injured right ankle, and swingman Michael Pietrus, who felt pain in his knee.

For the Magic, Dwight Howard was sidelined for the sixth consecutive game with a herniated disc.

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Summitt steps aside at Tennessee

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Pat Summitt is stepping aside as Tennessee's women's basketball coach and taking the title of "head coach emeritus" with long-time assistant Holly Warlick being promoted to replace the sport's winningest coach.

Tennessee released a statement Wednesday announcing the move.

The 59-year-old Summitt will report to the athletic director and help the women's program she guided to eight national titles. She says she supports Warlick, her assistant for 27 years and a three-time All-American playing for Summitt, as her replacement and wants to ensure the stability of the pro-

gram.

The move comes less than a year after her diagnosis with early onset dementia-Alzheimer's type.

"I've loved being the head coach at Tennessee for 38 years, but I recognize that the time has come to move into the future and to step into a new role," said Summitt.

"I want to help ensure the stability of the program going forward. I would like



Pat Summitt

to emphasize that I fully intend to continue working as head coach emeritus, mentoring and teaching life skills to our players, and I will continue my active role as a spokesperson in the fight against Alzheimer's through the Pat Summitt Foundation Fund.

Summitt revealed her diagnosis on Aug. 23 after a few months of trying coming to terms with dementia, which had caused her problems with memory loss both on and off the court during the previous season. Alzheimer's is a brain disease that destroys cognitive abilities over time.

With the blessing of University of Tennessee, Knoxville Chancellor Jimmy

Cheek, the Hall of Fame coach said she planned to continue coaching as long as possible and that she wanted to show the world that it was still possible to function, even in the face of dementia and Alzheimer's.

She had been going about business as usual

But with a need to devote more attention to managing her health, Summitt handed over more duties to her longtime assistants. This season, Warlick as associate head coach took the lead during games and handles postgame interviews, while the entire staff has done the bulk of the recruiting and management of practices.

MKG 'ready' for the NBA

By Larry Vaught
Advocate-Messenger

LEXINGTON — As he got ready to leave the podium after announcing he was leaving Kentucky after his freshman year to play in the NBA, Michael Kidd-Gilchrist stopped to give Kentucky coach John Calipari one more hug.

"I wanted to win this (national) title so much for him. He means everything to me," said Kidd-Gilchrist Tuesday after himself and four other teammates — Anthony Davis, Doron Lamb, Terrence Jones and Marquis Teague — all said they were going to the NBA. "He did so much for my to help my dream come true. But this is my dream. I am ready (for the NBA), I think. All the off the court (media) stuff here and other stuff prepared me for that part. Basketball-wise, I am ready to go. So it's time."

Kidd-Gilchrist was second on the team with seven double-doubles, including three against top-20 ranked teams, with the other three coming on the road. He ranked second on the team in rebounding (7.4), third in blocks (37) and steals (37), and fourth in scoring (11.9). He was also named an All-American by several sources.

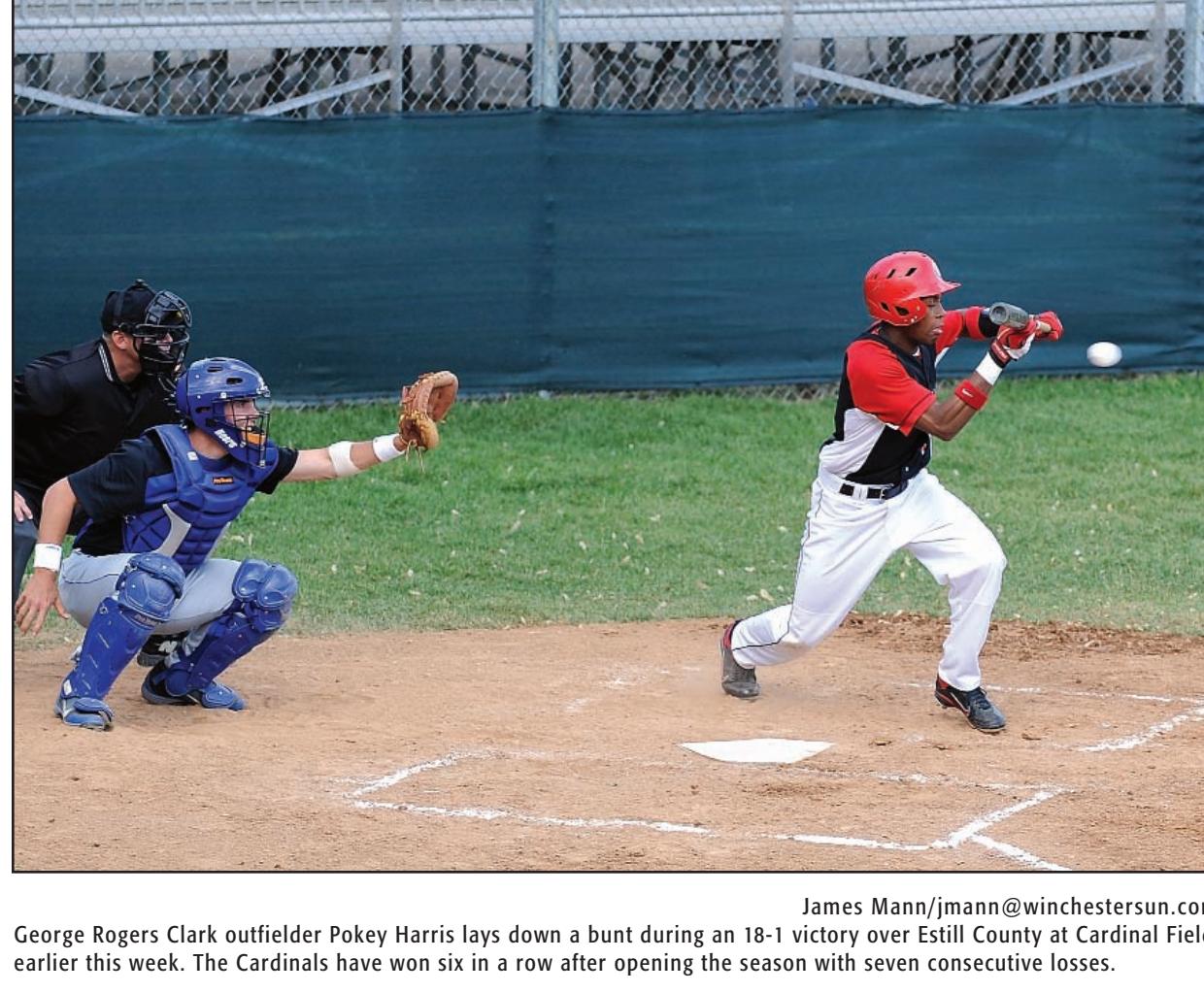
Still, Kidd-Gilchrist had to convince his mother that even at age 18 he was ready to join the NBA where he's projected as a top five to top eight pick in the June draft.

"She was happy, but she was also worried about me being so young. I had a heart-to-heart talk with her and just told her I was going," Kidd-Gilchrist said. "But this is my dream. She understood that. I didn't want to wait any more, so I am going now. But I was really close, believe it or not, to coming back."



Photo by Bill Thiry
Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, left, insists he's ready for the next level.

Prep Baseball



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George Rogers Clark outfielder Pokey Harris lays down a bunt during an 18-1 victory over Estill County at Cardinal Field earlier this week. The Cardinals have won six in a row after opening the season with seven consecutive losses.

Cards coming around



Clark hitting stride after opening with 7 setbacks

Keith Taylor/ktaylor@winchestersun.com
Clark baseball coach Matt Ginter watches his team from the dugout earlier this season at Cardinal Field. Ginter, a former Major League pitcher and standout at the school, is in his first season at Clark.

tonight's contest against perennial 10th Region powerhouse Harrison County in Cynthiana.

"We're starting to hit the ball a little better, field the ball a little better and we're starting to gel a little bit as a team," Ginter said.

Ginter is still getting a feel for his team, but likes the direction his team is headed going into the final month of the regular season.

"We've kind of got a lineup set instead of moving it like we had been (early in the season)," Ginter said.

"I told the kids when we started that the first 10 games (were) going to be an experiment to see who could hit, who could bunt, who could field, pitch and we're starting to get a whole lot better idea of who can do what now."

During his team's current six game winning streak, Clark has outscored the opposition 58-11. The Cards scored 18 runs in a win over Estill County earlier this week at Cardinal Field. Ginter said Logan McQuerry, Brent Stoneking, Taylor Howard, Pokey Harris are among the players who are "starting to come around and hitting the ball

pretty well."

"We're bunting, hitting and running, safety squeezing, we've used first and third plays — any way we can get a run in and move guys over," he said. "We've had our four-hole hitter bunting with guys at first and second. It doesn't matter who is at (the plate), if the situation calls for a bunt, we've executed and it's worked out pretty good."

The Clark coach also has been pleased with his team's pitching staff anchored by Derek McKenzie.

"Our pitching staff has done really well," Ginter said. "They're holding runners, calling their games and taking control of the game. The catchers have been doing a great of helping the pitchers with that. Derek has thrown very well for us and he's very confident."

Ginter is looking forward to the final month of the season.

"We're starting to come together and learn the way we want them to play ball and let them take control of their own game," he said.

"The bottom line is that if we execute, we're going to be OK."

Scoreboard

SAL Standings

South Atlantic League Standings

The Associated Press

Northern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Delmarva (Orioles)	9	5	.643	—
Greensboro (Marlins)	9	5	.643	—
Hickory (Rangers)	8	5	.615	1 1/2
Kannapolis (White Sox)	6	7	.462	2 1/2
Hagerstown (Nationals)	6	8	.429	3
Lakewood (Phillies)	6	8	.429	3
West Virginia (Pirates)	5	8	.385	3 1/2

Southern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Charleston (Yankees)	9	3	.750	—
Savannah (Mets)	10	4	.714	—
Asheville (Rockies)	9	4	.692	1 1/2
Greenville (Red Sox)	6	8	.429	4
Augusta (Giants)	5	8	.385	4 1/2
Lexington (Astros)	4	10	.286	6
Rome (Braves)	2	11	.154	7 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Greenville 4, Lexington 2
Greensboro 9, Lakewood 1
Asheville at West Virginia, ppd., rain
Savannah 2, Rome 0, 7 innings
Savannah 4, Rome 3, comp. of susp. game
Kannapolis at Hickory, ppd., rain
Delmarva 6, Hagerstown 2
Charleston, S.C. at Augusta, cdd., rain
Thursday's Games
Delmarva at Greensboro, 7 p.m.
Rome at Asheville, 7:05 p.m.
West Virginia at Charleston, S.C., 7:05 p.m.
Lakewood at Hagerstown, 7:05 p.m.
Lexington at Kannapolis, 7:05 p.m.
Hickory at Savannah, 7:05 p.m.
Augusta at Greenville, 7:05 p.m.
Friday's Games
Delmarva at Greensboro, 7 p.m.
Rome at Asheville, 7:05 p.m.
Lexington at Kannapolis, 7:05 p.m.
Hickory at Savannah, 7:05 p.m.
Augusta at Greenville, 7:05 p.m.
West Virginia at Charleston, S.C., 7:05 p.m.
Lakewood at Hagerstown, 7:05 p.m.

MLB Standings

American League

The Associated Press

East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	7	4	.636	—
New York	6	5	.545	1
Toronto	6	5	.545	1
Tampa Bay	6	6	.500	1 1/2

On the Air					
Today					
COLLEGE SOFTBALL					
8 p.m.					
ESPN2 – Alabama at Georgia					
GOLF					
3 p.m.					
TGC – PGA Tour, Texas Open, first round					
6:30 p.m.					
TGC – LPGA, LOTTE Championship					
MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL					
12:30 p.m.					
WGN – Chicago Cubs at Miami					
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NBA BASKETBALL					
8 p.m.					
TNT – Chicago at Miami					
10:30 p.m.					
TNT – L.A. Clippers at Phoenix					
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NBCSN – Boston at Washington					
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CNBC – Phoenix at Chicago					
10:30 p.m.					
NBCSN – St. Louis at San Jose					
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Today					
PREP BASEBALL					
5:15 p.m.					
George Rogers Clark at Harrison County					
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George Rogers Clark at Harrison County					
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Reds at Cardinals					
MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL					
7:05 p.m.					
Legends at Kannapolis					

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	4	8	.333	3 1/2
Central Division				
Detroit	8	3	.727	—
Cleveland	5	4	.556	2
Chicago	5	5	.500	2 1/2
Kansas City	3	8	.273	5
Minnesota	3	8	.273	5
West Division				
Texas	10	2	.833	—
Seattle	6	6	.500	4
Oakland	5	7	.417	5
Los Angeles	4	7	.364	5 1/2

Wednesday's Games

Minnesota at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay 12, Toronto 2

Texas 6, Boston 3

Baltimore at Chicago White Sox, 8:10 p.m.

Detroit at Kansas City, 8:10 p.m.

Oakland at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

Cleveland at Seattle, 10:10 p.m.

Atlanta (Minor 1-1) at Ariz (Collmenter 0-0), 9:40 p.m.

Philadelphia (Worley 0-1) at S.D. (Wieland 0-1), 10:05

NBA Standings

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Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Boston	37	26	.587	—
New York	33	29	.532	3 1/2
Philadelphia	32	30	.516	4 1/2
New Jersey	22	41	.349	15
Toronto	22	41	.349	15

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Miami	44	17	.721	—
x-Atlanta	37	25	.597	7 1/2
x-Orlando	36	26	.581	8 1/2
Washington	16	46	.258	28 1/2
Charlotte	7	54	.115	37

Central Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB

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West dealer.
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♦ K 10
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♦ Q 10 7
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♦ 9 6 2
♣ 9 7 5 4 3SOUTH
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West North East South
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3 ♠ 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♣Dble
Opening lead — king of clubs.

Assume you reach four spades doubled on the bidding shown. West leads the K-A of clubs, then shifts to a low heart. How would you play the hand?

At first blush, it seems you should go up with the ace of hearts.

Finessing the queen appears to be a foolish risk, because you have no useful discard to make on the ace of hearts even if the queen wins the trick. Nevertheless, the fact remains that if you take the finesse, you are practically

certain to make the contract.

Let's see what happens if you do finesse. After winning the heart with the queen and discarding a diamond on the ace, you ruff dummy's last heart. Next you play the ace and another trump, forcing West into the lead with no safe way out. He must either concede a ruff-and-discard or lead a diamond into your A-K-J, handing you the contract.

Now let's see what happens if you don't finesse the queen of hearts at trick three. In that case, you eventually go down one against proper defense, losing a spade, a diamond and two clubs. The difference is that at the point where West is given the lead with the spade king, he can exit safely with a heart, marooning you with a diamond loser.

It is not difficult to justify the heart finesse once it is granted that West opened the bidding with one notrump (15 to 17 points). Only 17 points are missing, and it is not possible for West to be in the 15- to 17-point range without the king of hearts.

Finessing the queen of hearts therefore gives you the best chance to make the contract. It's not because you need a discard, but because it affords you an opportunity to strip the dummy of hearts and establish a position that renders West helpless.

Tomorrow: Test your play.

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Wednesday's unlisted clue: COZY

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Thursday's unlisted clue hint: Web-Footed Broad-Billed Bird

Apex Castle Marble Red Table
Bear Crystal Misery Tabor
Blue Cypress Mystery Phoenix
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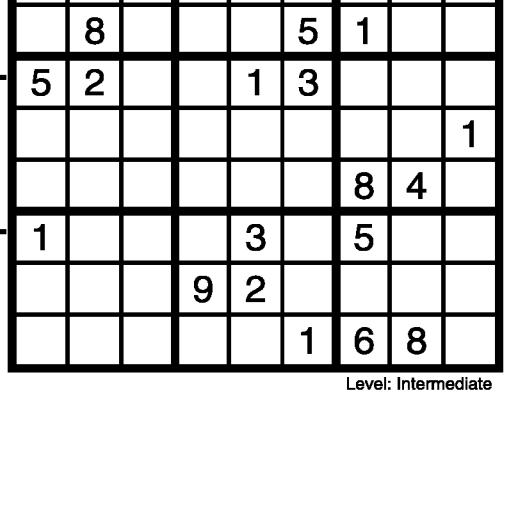
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Sudoku



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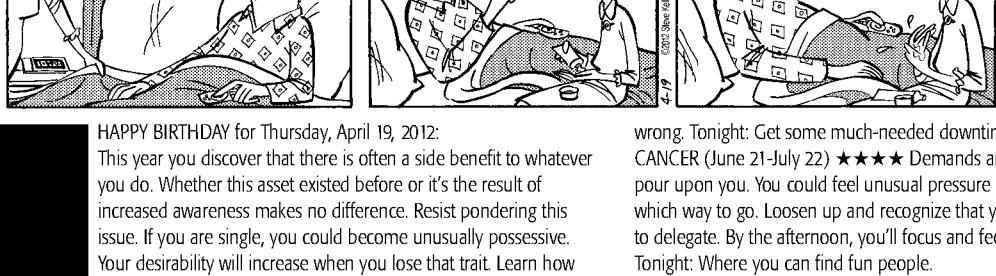
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 19, 2012: This year you discover that there is often a side benefit to whatever you do. Whether this asset existed before or it's the result of increased awareness makes no difference. Resist pondering this issue. If you are single, you could become unusually possessive. Your desirability will increase when you lose that trait. Learn how to become more confident in yourself. If you are attached, the two of you work together to achieve a goal. The warmth will intensify between you. TAURUS can help you spend your money well.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Step back if you do not want to get involved in an argument or some sort of collision. You could be quite me-oriented in the morning. By the afternoon, you'll feel better and probably will react differently. Pat yourself on the back for having left that option open. Tonight: Act with confidence.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Push comes to shove far too quickly in the morning. Be smart, and refuse to make a judgment just yet. By the afternoon, you'll feel better and probably will react differently. Pat yourself on the back for having left that option open. Tonight: Act with confidence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Use the morning for key matters. A partner might not agree on an important issue. After the fact, you will weigh the pros and cons. Your decision could be a lot different, given some space. Be willing to make a kind gesture if you're

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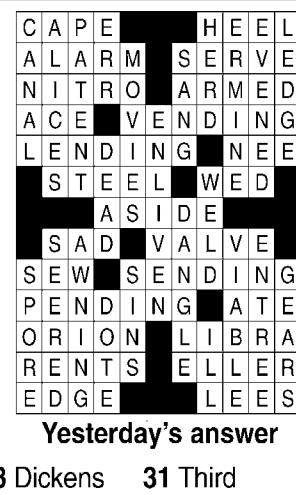
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ACROSS

1 High-lander
5 Pacific island group
10 See the sights
11 Sparklers
12 Nick and Nora's dog
13 Speaks
14 Peace Garden State capital
15 Superman's father
20 Tennis star Nadal
23 Animation frame
24 Panic
25 Diner offerings
27 Knight title
28 Closer
29 Constitution State capital
32 Aloha State capital
36 School paper
39 Historic times
40 Reps
41 Benefit
42 Bess's love
43 Winter glider

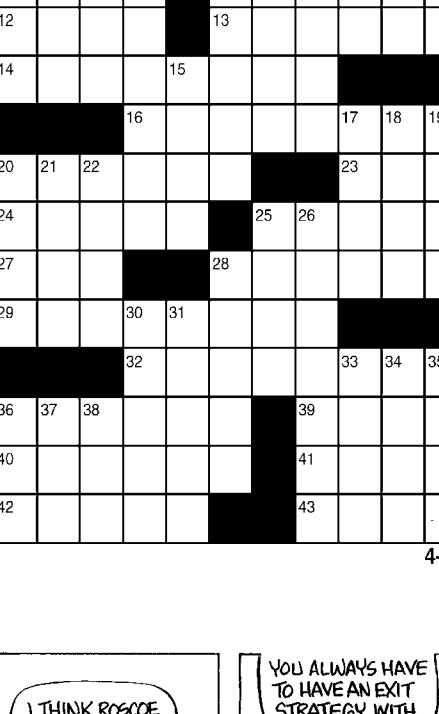
DOWN

1 Wild guess
2 "fan tutte"
3 Inning count
4 Mine transport
5 Singer Sledge
6 Conscious
7 Rent out
8 Pub pints
9 Ship initials
10 Super-man's father
11 Attention-getting sound
12 March Madness
13 Skimpy swimwear
18 Dickens girl
19 Different
20 Reckless
21 Inter —
22 Jamie of "M*A*S*H"
25 Catalan painter
26 Infinite
28 Printing array
30 Skimpy swimwear
31 Third point in tennis
33 Russian river
34 Vacation spot
35 Not new
36 Kanye's music
37 Conceit
38 For each



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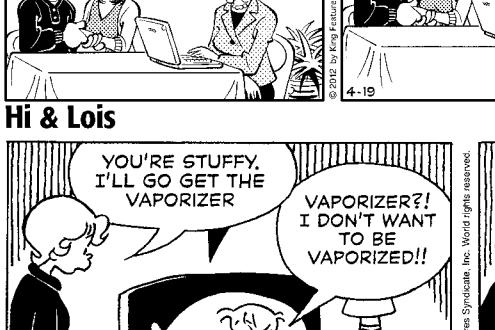


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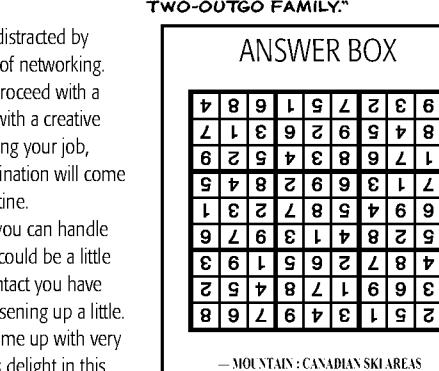
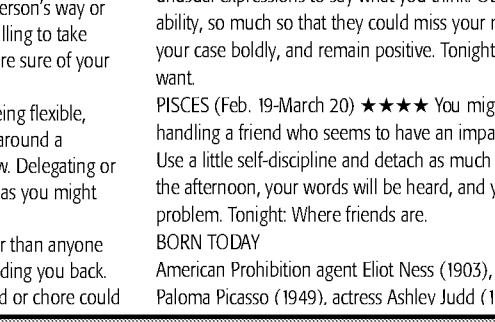
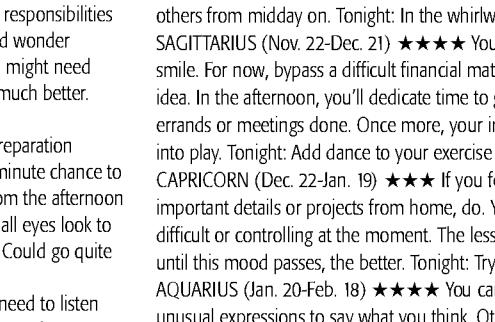
Hi & Lois



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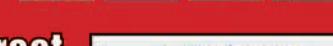
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